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SUBJECT: QUARLES-STRAUSS DISCUSSION, JAN 21.

AFTER USUAL AMENITIES SECRETARY QUARLES INITATED DISCUSSION BY  
REPORTING US WILL MEET ALL MC-70 GOALS, BUT THAT TIGHT BUDGET  
WILL REQUIRE CONTINUATION LOW LEVEL GRANT MILITARY AID,  
THAT CERTAIN QUARTERS IN US FELT PACE OF GERMAN BUILDUP COULD  
BE QUICKENED. SEC QUARLES STATED THAT US HAS NO PLANS TO  
PULL OUT ITS FORCES BUT IT CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED THAT THEY  
CANNOT REMAIN HERE FOREVER.

MIN STRAUSS INITIATED HIS REMARKS WITH REFERENCE TO HELPFULNESS  
OF MAAG AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US UNITS WOULD REMAIN IN  
WEST GERMANY. HE POINTED OUT THAT BOTH WERE USEFUL IN TRAINING  
THE WEST GERMAN FORCES. STRAUSS SAID ALSO THAT IT WAS TOO  
BAD THAT THE FRENCH COULD NOT MAINTAIN THEIR STRENGTH IN  
EUROPE. STRAUSS THEN PROCEEDED TO RAISE CLUSTER OF PROBLEMS  
REVOLVING AROUND CENTRAL PROBLEM OF RELEASE MILITARY INFORMATION  
TO FEDREP. HE EXPRESSED RECOGNITION MUCH HAD BEEN DONE  
RECENTLY BUT HOPED THAT STILL MORE COULD BE DONE AND IN THIS  
CONNECTION STATED THAT FEDREP WOULD LIKE TO SEND TO US IN MARCH  
OR APRIL SMALL GROUP OFFICERS AND SCIENTISTS, CLEARED FOR TOP  
SECRET, WHO COULD OBTAIN DESIRED INFORMATION INCLUDING TOP  
SECRET. HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS TEAM COULD WORK INTO ENTIRE  
RANGE OF PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH GERMAN DECISIONS TO ACQUIRE  
MORE ADVANCED WEAPONS, PARTICULARLY MISSILES AND SUPER-  
SONIC AIRCRAFT. HE SAID ON BASIS THIS GROUP'S INVESTIGATIONS  
HE AND HIS MILITARY PLANNERS COULD THEN DETERMINE WHICH MISSILES  
BEST SUITED FOR GERMAN REQUIREMENTS. ALSO ADDED THAT FEDREP,  
EITHER ALONE BUT PREFERABLY WITH EUROPEAN PARTNERS WOULD LIKE  
TO INSTITUTE REAL R & D PROGRAM ON THESE NEWER WEAPONS,  
BUT THAT THEY WANTED TO START "FROM WHERE YOU ARE NOW, SO  
THAT WE CAN AVOID PRELIMINARY RESEARCH THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN  
DONE IN US".

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SEC QUARLES ENCOURAGED MIN STRAUSS IN ANY ENDEAVORS TO SECURE NEEDED INFORMATION TO MAKE DECISIONS AND STATED THAT HE WOULD GIVE HIS ATTENTION TO THE MAKING OF PROPER ARRANGEMENTS. HE ENCOURAGED THEM TO MOVE AHEAD ON SOME OF THESE SECOND GENERATION MISSILES (THE LESSER COMPLICATED ONES) AND EXPRESSED US DESIRE TO WORK WITH FEDREP TO THIS END.

ON QUESTION IRBM'S STRAUSS VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED CHANCELLOR ADENAUER TO TELL GEN NORSTAD THAT IF OTHER COUNTRIES WERE UNWILLING TO TAKE THOR GERMANY WOULD STEP IN AND HELP. NORSTAD TOLD HIM THAT NOW IN VIEW OF GERMAN DIFFICULTIES WITH LAND AND INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO PLAN FOR LATER DEVELOPMENT OF SECOND GENERATION IRBM'S SUCH AS PERSHING'S AND PERHAPS POLARIS.

MIN STRAUSS PROCEEDED BY STATING THAT GERMANY WANTED TO MEET ALL OF ITS MC-70 GOALS AND TO THIS END HAD INCREASED ITS NIKE BATTALIONS TO A TOTAL OF SIX, THREE MORE TO BE ADDED IN THE PERIOD OF 1960-61. HE STATED THAT IN ADDITION THEY WERE PLANNING A TOTAL OF NINE HAWK BATTALIONS, SIX OF WHICH WOULD BE INTEGRATED WITH THE FIXED NIKE SYSTEM, AND THREE WITH THREE GERMAN CORPS. IN RESPONSE TO HIS ASSERTION THAT THEY WERE INTERESTED IN ASCERTAINING WHETHER HAWK CAN BE USED ON NAVAL CRAFT, SEC QUARLES INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD REQUIRE A GREAT DEAL OF WORK BUT THAT HE WOULD WELCOME ANY EFFORT THE FEDREP MIGHT MAKE IN THIS DIRECTION. STRAUSS INDICATED HIS INTEREST IN MACE AND SEC QUARLES DISCUSSED THE MERITS OF MACE TYPES A AND B AT SOME LENGTH.

MIN STRAUSS INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO HAVE "INSTANT AND COMPLETE INFORMATION" ON THE SIDE-WINDER WITH A VIEW NOT ONLY TO BUYING SOME BUT TO PRODUCE IT. HE STATED THAT THE DIMENSIONS OF THIS WEAPON WERE SUCH THAT THE WEU RESTRICTIONS WOULD NOT APPLY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO HAVE INFORMATION ON CERTAIN RADAR SYSTEMS FOR GROUND ENVIRONMENT CONTROL.

MIN STRAUSS THEN ASKED SEC QUARLES TO WHAT EXTENT THE US WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE SPARE PARTS SUPPORT TO THE GERMAN FORCES IN THE EVENT OF WAR.

SEC QUARLES SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER. MIN STRAUSS THEN EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE US WOULD

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STATION SOME F-104 UNITS IN EUROPE. SEC QUARLES AGREED TO CONSIDER IT. MIN STRAUSS ASKED IF SOME ARRANGEMENT COULD BE WORKED OUT WHEREBY GERMAN PILOTS COULD HAVE COMBAT TRAINING IN US. SEC QUARLES INDICATED THAT THE US FAVORED THE MAXIMUM OF TRAINING OF GAF PILOTS IN US SCHOOLS. STRAUSS ALSO HOPED THAT THE US AIRFORCE WOULD HELP GERMAN AIRFORCE IN THE TEST OF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN MODIFICATION OF THE F-104. SEC QUARLES INDICATED HIS APPRECIATION THAT THIS WAS A TREMENDOUS PROBLEM AND THAT WHEN THE TECHNICAL TEAM COMES TO THE US BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO GO INTO THIS PROBLEM AT LENGTH.

IN CLOSING MINISTER STRAUSS INDICATED THAT AS FAR AS THE DEFENSE MINISTRY WAS CONCERNED, THEY FORESAW NO FINANCIAL TROUBLES THIS YEAR, NEXT YEAR OR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

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